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Dear Sir:

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Thank you for your January 30 considerate and courteous reply to my January 4 letter that recommended public humanitarian appeals combined with public offer of prisoner exchange and material exchange negotiations to free Raoul Wallenberg from the Soviet Union.

Although you said "We continue with our efforts, both public and private," the Wallenberg organizations know of no public official U.S. effort since your hearing testimony August 3, 1983 other than, as the New York Times reported January 18 at p. A4, col. 4, Secretary Shultz's "referring" to Wallenberg in Stockholm, and as the New York Times reported January 20 at p. A3, col. 1, Secretary Shultz "refused to say if he had specifically asked about Raoul Wallenberg." This is hardly a public record that allows us to credit assurances of private official U.S. efforts. And it executes neither the expressed intent of Congress in PL 97-54 that the executive "take all possible steps" to free Wallenberg, nor the expressed intent of President Reagan when he signed PL 97-54 that "we're going to do everything in our power" to free Wallenberg.

Public offer of prisoner exchange and material exchange is a form of international pressure for which there are many precedents and which can be combined with other private offers. The merely private offers you mention, if any actually have been made, have led nowhere. After 39 years no one can be impressed with secret plans to free Wallenberg.

Public call for Wallenberg's repatriation is necessary in every bilateral and multilateral international forum whether he is

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alive or dead. The official U.S. position must be that if he is dead, the Soviets owe Sweden his remains, not just the "explanation" you mention. Another false "explanation" is most convenient for the Soviets whether Wallenberg is alive or dead.

You said the proposed presidential directive is "under consideration." We understood it was under consideration for some time before the August 3, 1983 hearing, and you said at the hearing you would personally review it. Please let us know the following: how much longer is the directive going to be "under consideration"? When will the text be presented to President Reagan for his decision? Is the State Department going to recommend that President Reagan issue it? If the State Department recommends changes, or recommends a directive not be issued, for what reasons?

David Harel's hour-long documentary on Wallenberg is going to be broadcast on hundreds of PBS stations nationwide on May 23 at 8 P.M. E.S.T., and repeated later. When the public, the media, and the Congress consult with the Wallenberg organizations to learn what is being done to free Wallenberg, we would like to be able to praise instead of criticize. But at this moment we can only elaborate what a reviewer of While Six Million Died: A Chronicle of American Apathy stated: "Immediate action was needed, and behold, beautiful verbiage and endless delay were all that came forth."

Please let us have your reply at your earliest convenience. The several enclosures are to indicate the continuing interest in freeing Wallenberg, which can only grow after the documentary broadcast. As said in the January letter, we also will offer this letter and your reply to Senate and House members, other U.S. officials, and the Wallenberg and other private organizations. Please let us know if we can be of service to you or your staff in any way. Thank you for your attention.

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Sincerely,

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